

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (currently amended) A method for providing a reply to a dispatch call transmitted by a first radio, comprising the steps of:
 - (a) receiving the dispatch call at a second radio; and
 - (b) transmitting a preprogrammed message by the second radio in response to step (a), wherein the preprogrammed message is transmitted in response to a user activating a push-to-talk button of the second radio.
2. (Canceled)
3. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the message transmitted in step (b) is selected from amongst a plurality of messages stored in the second radio.
4. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 3, wherein the second radio stores a record of the message that was transmitted.
5. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 4, wherein the record of the message transmitted is stored in a recent calls list.

6. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the user of the second radio manually selects the preprogrammed message that is transmitted in step (b).
7. (Canceled)
8. (Original) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the preprogrammed message transmitted in step (b) is a voice message that is recorded by the user of the second radio.
9. (Previously Presented) A method as defined in claim 1, wherein the message transmitted in step (b) is selected from amongst a plurality of messages stored in the second radio and the message transmitted in step (b) is automatically transmitted and selected given the identification number of the first radio.

10. (Currently Amended) A radio that can transmit and receive dispatch calls, comprising:

a receiver;

a push-to-talk button that facilitates dispatch calls;

a transmitter coupled to the receiver;

a memory coupled to the receiver, stored within the memory is at least one preprogrammed message; and

responsive to a dispatch call being received at the receiver that was transmitted by a second radio, using the transmitter to transmit the at least one preprogrammed message to the second radio, wherein the preprogrammed message is transmitted in response to a user activating the push-to-talk button.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A radio as defined in claim 10, wherein the at least one preprogrammed message is transmitted after the dispatch call has been received at the receiver and after it has been manually selected.

13. (Original) A radio as defined in claim 10, wherein the radio can receive both dispatch calls and cellular calls.

14. (Original) A radio as defined in claim 13, wherein the at least one preprogrammed message is recorded by the user of the radio.

15. (Currently Amended) A radio that can receive both half-duplex dispatch and full-duplex cellular calls, the radio comprising:

a memory, stored within the memory are a plurality of preprogrammed messages;

a transmitter;

a push-to-talk button;

a receiver coupled to the transmitter and memory; and

the transmitter automatically transmits one of the plurality of preprogrammed messages in response to the receiver receiving a dispatch call if an automatic reply mode has been selected;

wherein the radio user instead of selecting the automatic reply mode places the radio in a manual response mode which allows the radio user to select from amongst the plurality of preprogrammed messages the message the user wants to transmit in response to receiving the dispatch call, wherein in the manual response mode, the selected preprogrammed message is transmitted in response to the radio user activating the push-to-talk button.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A radio as defined in claim ~~46~~ 15, wherein instead of having one of the plurality of preprogrammed messages being automatically transmitted in response to receiving the dispatch call the user of the radio inactivates the automatic reply mode and can respond to the dispatch call and begin communications with the radio that sent the dispatch call.
18. (Previously Presented) A radio as defined in claim 17, wherein the radio user manually selects one of the plurality of preprogrammed messages and transmits the manually selected message in response to receiving the dispatch call.
19. (Previously Presented) A radio as defined in claim 15, wherein the plurality of preprogrammed messages are programmed by the radio user.
20. (Previously Presented) A radio as defined in claim 15, wherein the plurality of preprogrammed messages are labeled and are selected using a menu.